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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-24. (Canceled).

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented collaborative filtering system, comprising:

a personality type generator that analyzes known attributes relating to a user and calculates probabilities that the user has a personality type substantially similar to personality types of a plurality of disparate users, wherein the personality types of the plurality of disparate users are based at least in part upon attributes related to such users; and

an attribute value predictor that predicts unknown attributes relating to the user based at least in part upon the calculated probabilities probability for each personality type, the attribute value predictor determining a set of values for each unknown attribute.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising a recommendation facility that provides recommendations to the user based at least in part upon the predicted attributes.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, the recommendation facility weighs a cost of disturbing the user against a benefit of providing the user with the recommendation prior to providing the user with the recommendations.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising a query facility that requests an attribute from the user.